

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:**

A method for the analysis of a nutritive product in a stage of treatment, in respect of a volatile or volatilizable compound present in or derived from the nutritive product. A sample of the nutritive product is taken, optionally prehandled and subjected to analysis. The analysis is carried out by a direct inlet FT-IR method fast enough to make the result of the analysis available to the stage of treatment while the analyzed product still is in the stage of treatment.

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